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Please replace the title on page 1 line 1 with the following amended title:

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Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 12 with the following amended paragraph:

Monozygotic twins discordant for obesity have been examined regarding certain serum lipoproteins. Ronnemaa, et al, Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism 83(8):2792-9 (1998), Hayakawa et al, Atherosclerosis 66(1-2):1-9 (1987) and for plasma leptin concentrations, Ronnemaa, et al Annals of Internal Medicine 126(1):26-31 (1997) and Ronnemaa et al, Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Metabolism 85(8):2728-32 (2000)(not prior art).